Beam Halo Formation in High-Current Proton Beams

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Early History of Beam Halo

- Beam loss was associated with existence of beam halo in LAMPF linac in 1970s.
- Beam halo was detected at end of LAMPF linac in 1975 (H. Koziol).
- Beam halo remained a mystery for almost 2 more decades.
- 100-mA CW Accelerator Production of Tritium (APT) project in 1990s provided motivation to understand beam halo and beam losses.

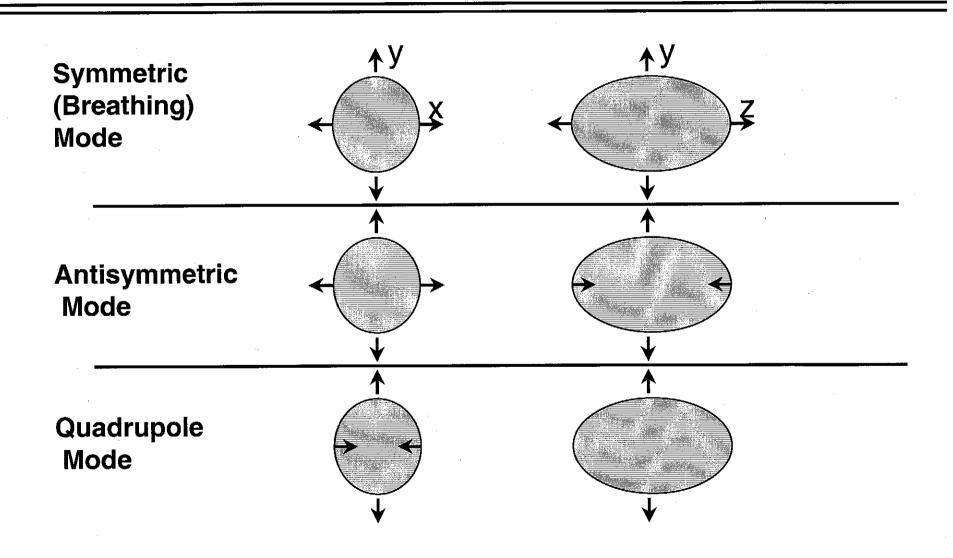
Progress in understanding beam halo during past decade

- Theoretical framework for halo in linacs was developed from:
 - a particle-core model.
 - computer simulation.
- But no experiments had been done until the halo experiment on LEDA was carried out last year.
- Motivation for halo experiment was to test:
 - understanding of the physics.
 - the predictive capability of simulation codes.

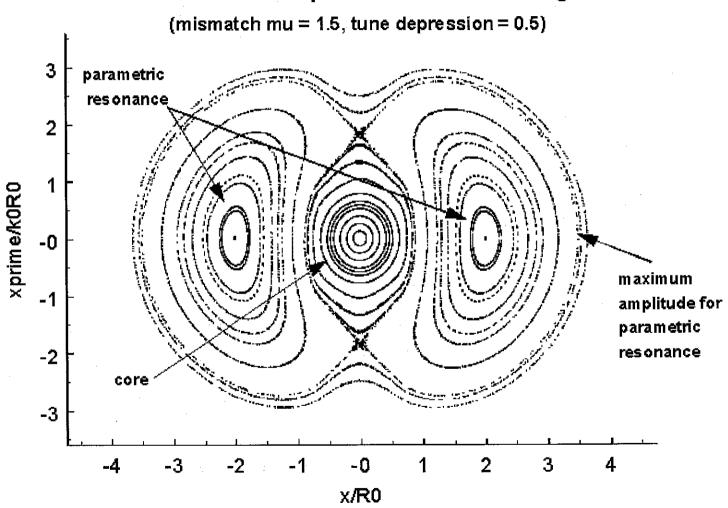
Particle-Core Model

- Mismatch of forces within beam excites collective beam modes driving transverse oscillations of core.
- Space-charge of oscillating core can drive particles in parametric resonance when f_{particle} = f mode/2.
- Typically the particle amplitudes can grow to 6 or 7 rms beam widths over 30 to 40 modeoscillation periods.
- Details of the beam dynamics require computer simulation.

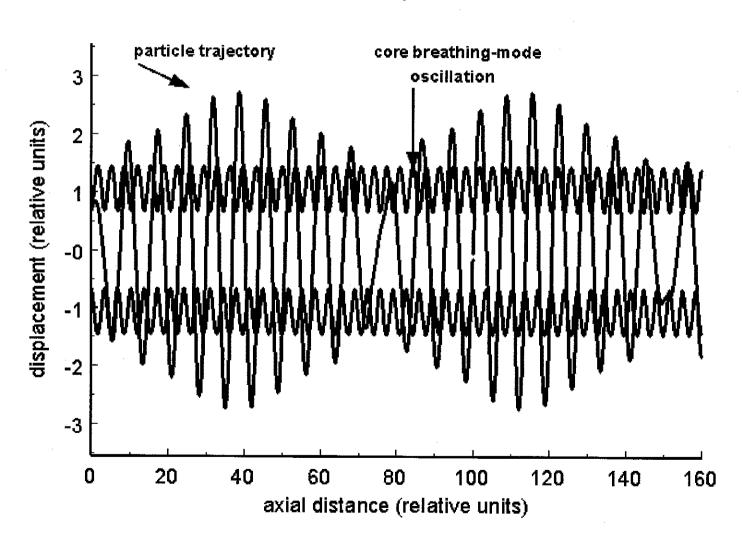
Envelope Modes of Mismatched Bunched Beams



Stroboscopic Phase Space Plot Particle-Core Model - Spherical Bunch - Breathing Mode

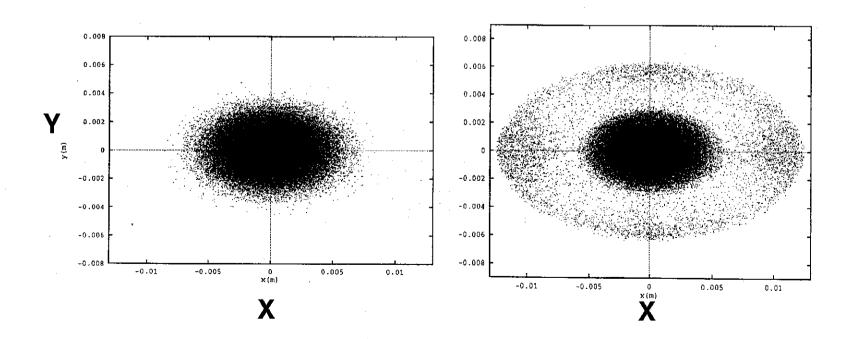


Parametric Resonance in Sphere Particle-Core Model



Computer simulations showed halo is formed in mismatched beams.

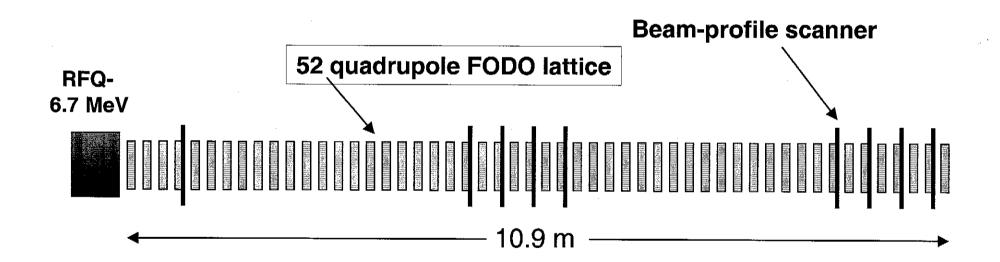
Rms mismatched beam (on right) develops larger amplitudes than rms matched beam (on left).



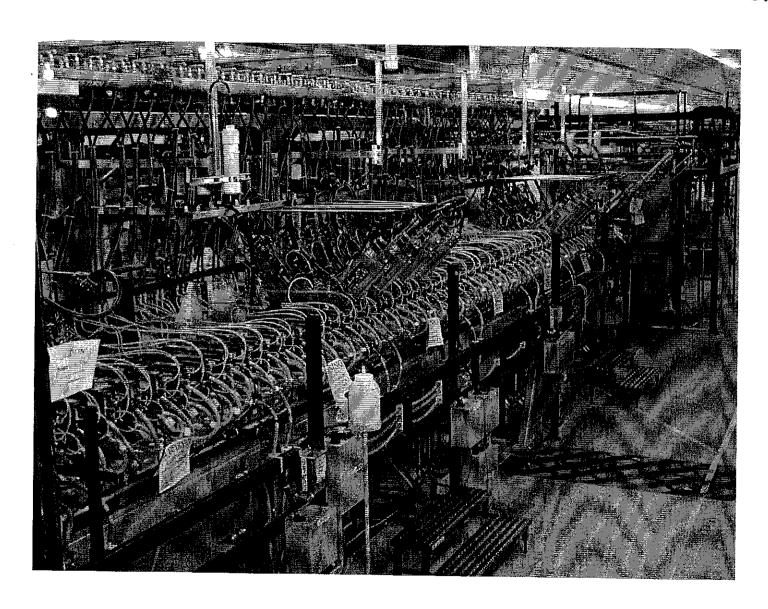
Beam-halo experiment designed to test our understanding.

- Pulsed beam from 6.7-MeV LEDA RFQ into 52 quadrupole transport line. First four quadrupoles create mismatches.
- 10 breathing-mode oscillations, enough to see initial stages of emittance growth caused by resonant halo-formation mechanism.
- Vary mismatch and current. Measure beam profiles to obtain: 1) rms emittances, 2) maximum detectable amplitudes.

Beam-halo experiment



52 quad -11m beam channel after LEDA RFQ



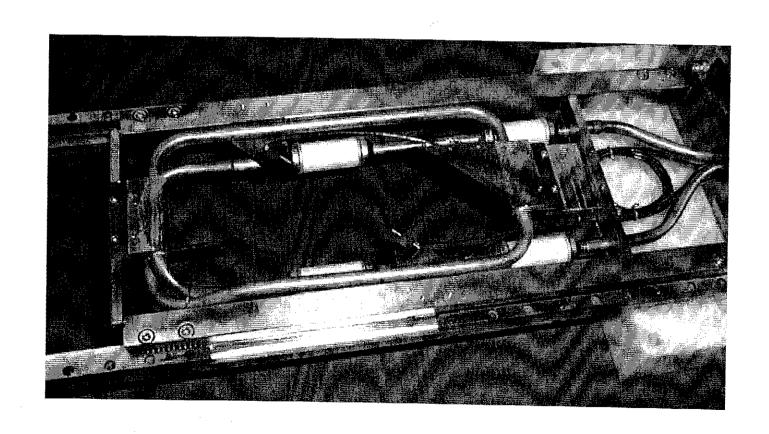
Implementation of the Experiment.

- Measurements between February and September,
 2001 -- Six mismatch settings at 15, 50, 75, and
 100 mA.
- New sensitive beam diagnostics gave excellent performance. Details of beam profiles never seen before.
- Beam matching and mismatch procedures worked as designed.
- Analysis is now in progress.

New state-of-the-art beam-profile diagnostics were designed and built for the halo experiment. (J.D.Gilpatrick, et al.)

- Three components mounted on common movable frame.
 - 33μ carbon wire to measure beam core.
 - Pair of graphite scraper plates for outer halo.
- Data from wire and scraper plates combined in computer software to produce single distribution with as much as 10⁵:1 dynamic intensity range.
- 9 measurement stations at which both horizontal and vertical profiles were measured.

Wire and halo scraper assembly of the beam-profile diagnostic (J.D.Gilpatrick, et al.)



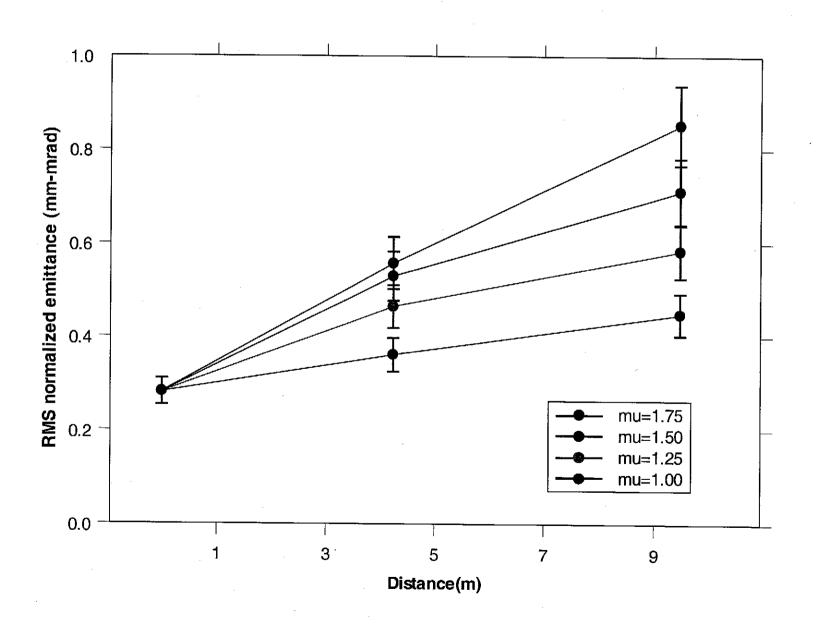
What do we expect to see if the Particle-Core model is correct?

- Minimum emittance growth for matched beam.
- Emittance growth which increases with increasing mismatch.
- Emittance growth which increases along beam line.
- May see initial stages of growth in maximum detectable amplitude provided input beam is free of halo.

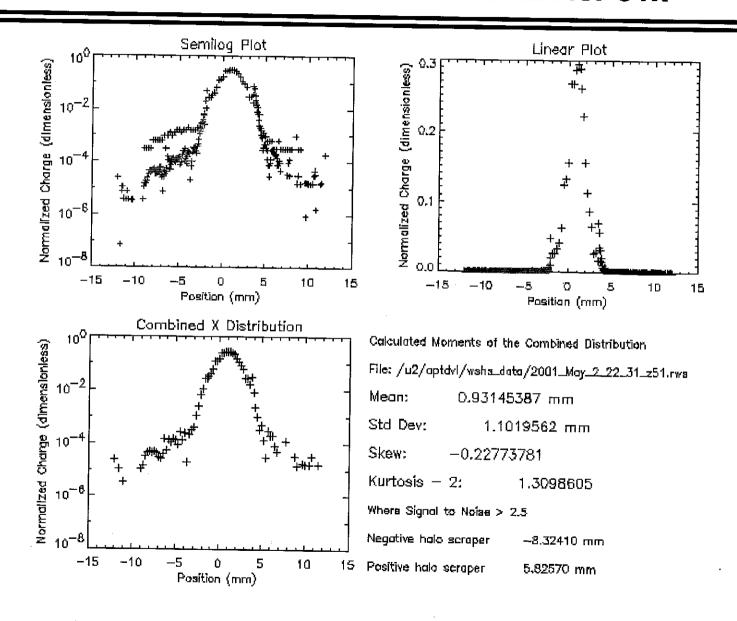
Results are confirming general expectations of Particle-Core Model.

- Measured emittances were minimum for matched beams as expected.
- Emittances increased with increasing mismatch as expected.
- Emittances increased with increasing distance along beam line as expected.
- Maximum beam extent close to simulated values

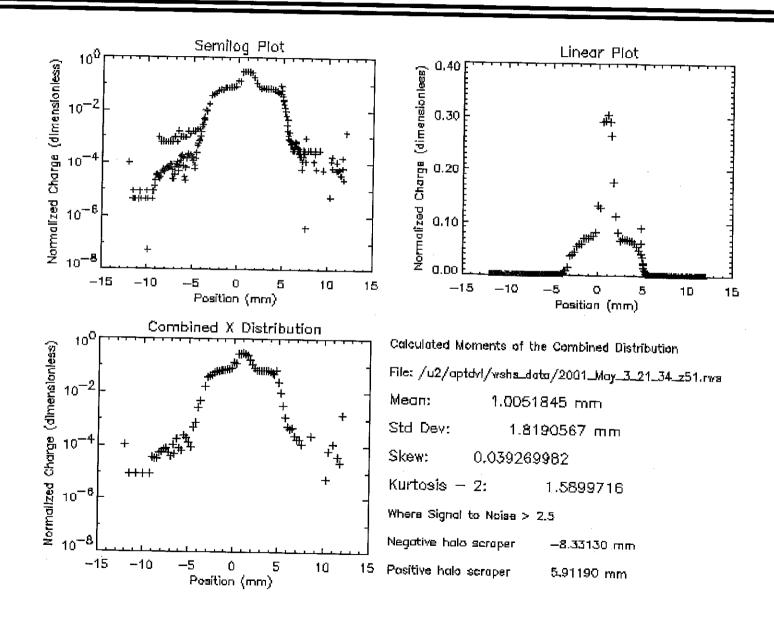
X-Plane Rms Normalized Emittance Versus Distance



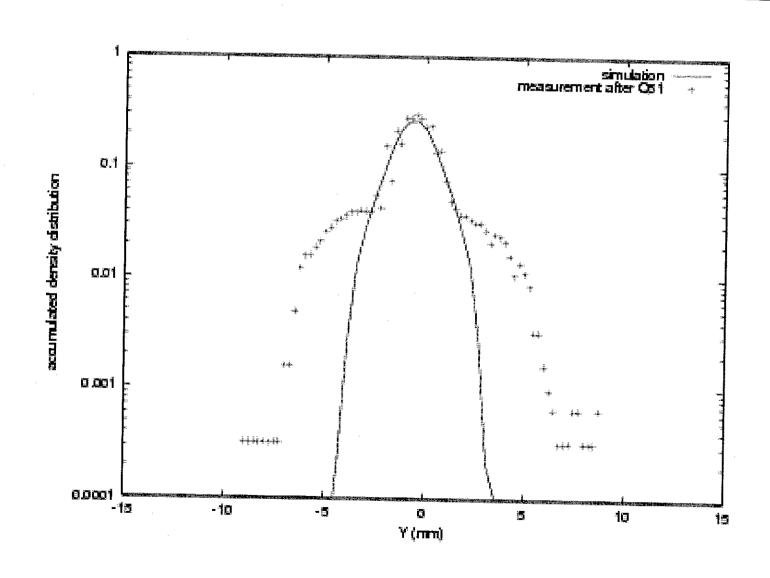
Matched beam - 75 mA - scanner 51x

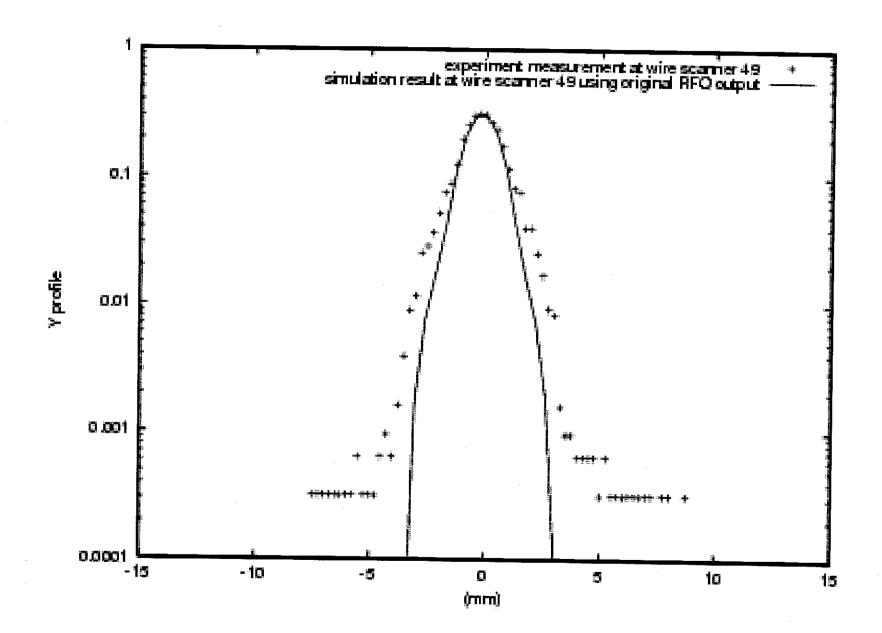


Mismatched beam (μ =1.5) - 75 mA - scanner 51x

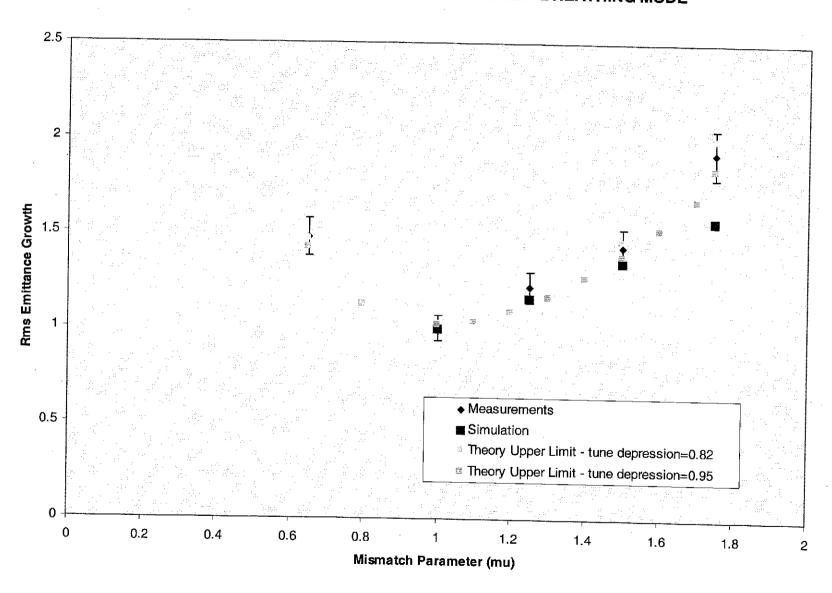


Comparison of shape of measured profile (points) with simulation (curve) for mismatched case (μ =1.5) at scanner 51

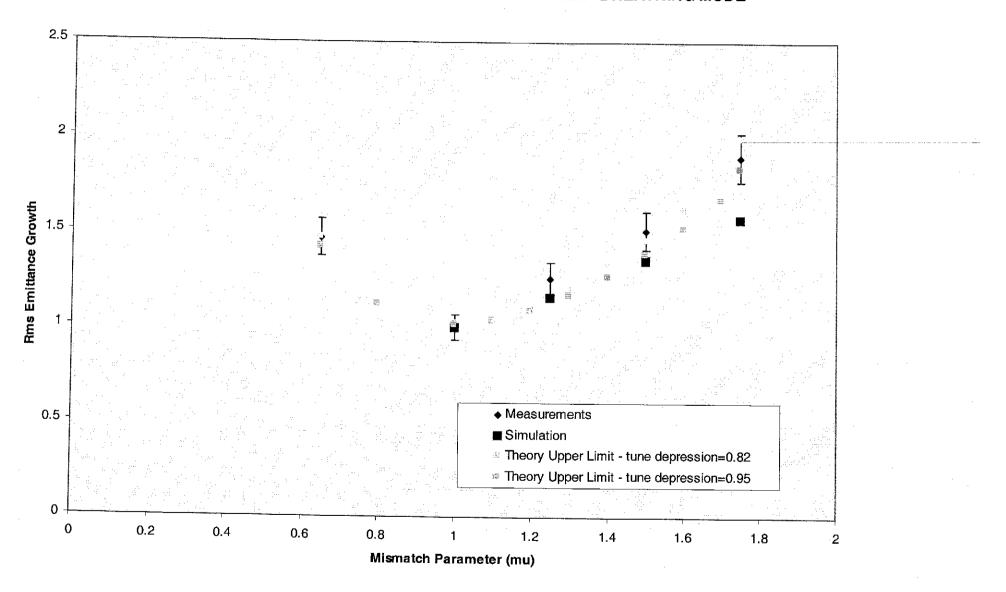




RMS EMITTANCE AT SCANNER #20 - 75 mA - BREATHING MODE



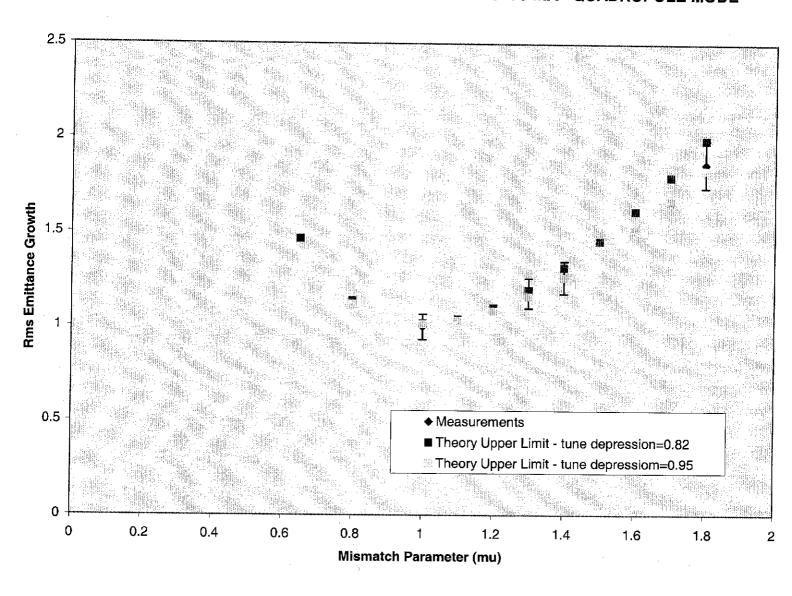
RMS EMITTANCE GROWTH AT SCANNER #45 - 75 mA - BREATHING MODE



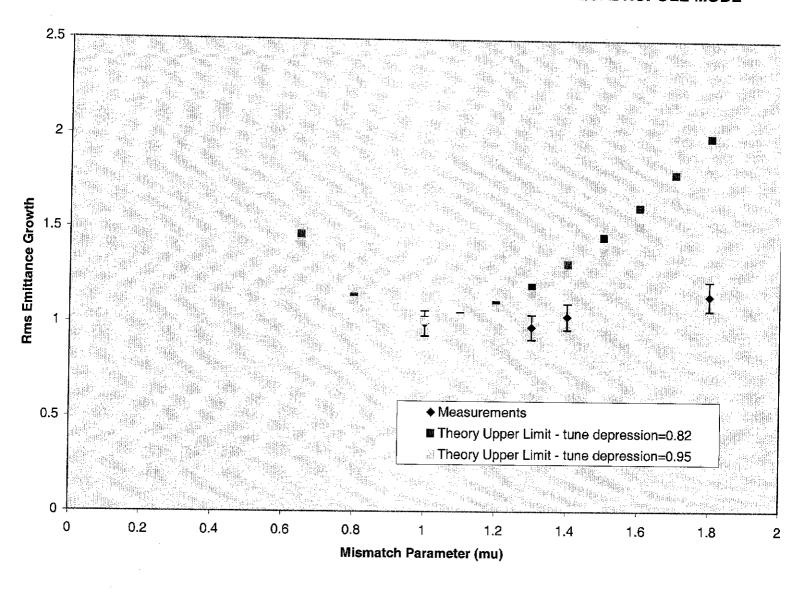
The experiment is also providing new and unexpected results.

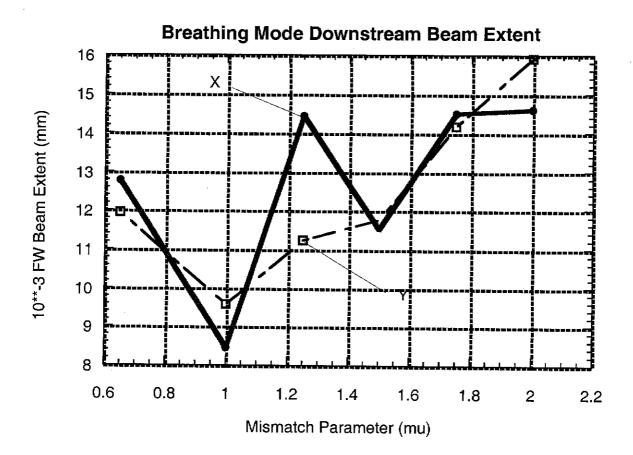
- Maximum detectable amplitudes for matched beams are larger than we expected.
 - -suggests halo in input beam.
- Beam profiles for mismatched cases show unexpected shoulders.
 - -suggests nonlinear aberrations of unknown origins.
- Most realistic simulation so far (Young, Qiang), beginning at ion source, underestimates widths and shoulders.
 - Profiles from simulation are ~30% or more too narrow.
 - Beam sizes from simulation are ~30% or more too small.
 - Rms emittances from simulation are also too small.

RMS EMITTANCE GROWTH AT SCANNER #45 -75 mA - QUADRUPOLE MODE



RMS EMITTANCE GROWTH AT SCANNER #20 - 75 mA - QUADRUPOLE MODE





What do we conclude from an initial look at the rms emittance growth at 16, 75, and 100 mA?

- Consistent with minimal matched-beam emittance growth between the two scanner clusters as expected.
- Mismatch emittance growth generally increases with increasing mismatch (deviations of μ from 1) as expected.
- Mismatch emittance growth is larger at same or larger at final scanner cluster than at middle cluster as expected.
- Average of x and y emittance growth consistent with maximum allowed by free energy.
- Surprising: Rms emittance growth consistent with almost total transfer of free energy to emittance at all currents in just 10 oscillation cycles.

Conclusions

- The new beam-profile diagnostic has opened a new regime for observing beam halo to densities as low as 10⁻⁵ of the core density.
- Initial results show nearly complete free energy transfer to emittance growth in only 10 oscillation periods.
 The emittance growth mechanism is very effective.
- Rms emittance growth results are consistent with a very strong halo and emittance-growth mechanism that the resonant Particle-Core (2:1 resonance) Model provides, but no direct proof. (There is no alternative model at present.)
- Major challenge for simulation is to understand the input phase space distribution needed to explain the results.